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Amidst the discharge of cannon, and shouts of the multitudes, next appeared the Prince Abbas Mirza himself, dressed in the most rich and splendid manner—his apparel glittering with gold and diamonds—his beautiful milk-white steed richly caparisoned, and impatiently spurning the ground, over which the pace of the procession compelled him to move at so slow a rate. The prince appeared to be in great pain, and was evidently suffering from the effects of a severe attack of the gout. His hands were more richly and splendidly dressed than any thing which Francis Everington had seen, accustomed, as he in some measure, had been, to the displays of oriental magnificence.

Francis Everington was a young Englishman, who had accompanied Mr. Morley, in his embassy to Persia; but who had been left sick at Isfahan, when the embassy left that country, and was now with his faithful attendant, Hamors, on his way to Bassorah on the Persian gulf, with the intention of obtaining a passage to India, and thence to Europe. He had taken a position beneath a cluster of orange trees, which seemed to some inexpressive of the rich and sumptuous character of the prince, who was more richly and splendidly dressed than any thing which Francis Everington had seen, accustomed, as he in some measure, had been, to the displays of oriental magnificence.

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A glance at the young lady showed that she was tall and elegant in form; and the exact symmetry of her person, was shown by the dress which Persian ladies know so well how to arrange. Partly overcome by the fatigue of the ride, and partly by the excessive heat of the day, she no sooner found herself screened from the sun by the orange bower, than she proceeded to divest herself of her head dress. Everington had the happiness of seeing the beautiful creature unveiled, and in all her loveliness, and in all her youthful grace, she was indeed a vision of beauty; and while he inwardly admitted the truth of Hamors' assertion, he cursed the custom and the fate that doomed such a lovely creature to be offered in the market to minister to Persian vanity and lust. It was evident, as had been hinted by Hamors, that she was intended by her father for the honor of the prince, should he be fortunate enough to attract his notice. No sooner was her splendid attire removed, than the young Circassian, who had been gazing with admiration at the mild and gifted Jesuit—gathered together the broken strength of the Norridgewock, and built up in the great wilderness a temple to the true God. There too, he was buried in the dark onslaught of the colonists—perished with wounds at the foot of the cross which his own hands had planted. And there the Norridgewock fell one after another, and neither asked nor quitted, as they resisted the white Indians upon the threshold of their consecrated places of worship, and in view of their wives and children.

The following is one among the many legends of the strange encounter: of the white man and the Indian, which are yet preserved in the ancient records and traditions of Maine. The simple and unvarnished narrative is only given.

It was a sultry evening towards the close of June 1627, when Capt. Harmon, and his Eastern Rangers crossed the Kennebec, and in pursuit of some Indians, who had been reported to be in the vicinity of the oar. The last trace of civilization was left behind, and the long shadows of the skirted forest met and blended in the stream which wound darkly through them. At every sound from the adjacent shores—the rustling wing of some wild bird, or the quick foots of some wild beast—a dash of the oar was suspended, and the ranger's grasp tightened on his rifle. All knew the Indian's secret—silence; and that silence that is natural to men who feel themselves in the extreme of mortal jeopardy, settled like a cloud upon the midnight adventurers.

The troop of cavalry had now reached the foot of the mountain, where they were received with shouts by the assembled multitude. They announced that the prince might be expected in half an hour, and they, as harbingers of his approach, were ordered to make the necessary arrangements for his reception. They therefore speedily commenced dividing the multitude into three divisions, which lined the road, a greater number being stationed in the rear, and unconfined, except by a single clasp of their unstrained luxuriance. She had not alighted from her spirited, and snow white steed, which with proudly arching neck, and pointed ears, seemed justly proud of his burden; but with a countenance in which lofty feeling was mingled with conscious purity and virgin innocence, she sat, hardly sensible of the intent she was, and like a delicate flower, which, though unworthy of the inhospitable homage paid by all around her.

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Billiards—Mike Phelan has challenged any man in the United States to a game of Billiards the following is the challenge:

"I am willing to play any man the country, at the usual three or four ball game on a level surface, and in a room where there is no wind, or any other disturbance, for any sum from \$1,000 upwardly, and give six months from the date of this challenge to take up, after which time it shall be withdrawn and no further effect."

Mechanical Genius.—The *Parisie* contains the following: "A youth, aged eighteen, belonging to a respectable family of Paris, had, about a year ago, been condemned for theft to five years imprisonment, and was sent to the galleys. He was released on his good behavior of the director, who soon remarked in him a peculiar aptitude for mechanical contrivance. A few days ago he begged the director to tell him what o'clock it was, that he might set his watch. 'You have a watch, then?' said the director, 'and the time is ten past twelve.' The youth, who had been condemned for theft, was greatly surprised, and asked, 'How do you know that?' The director replied, 'I have a watch, and I can tell the time by it.' The youth, who had been condemned for theft, was greatly struck by this, and asked, 'How do you know that?' The director replied, 'I have a watch, and I can tell the time by it.' The youth, who had been condemned for theft, was greatly struck by this, and asked, 'How do you know that?' The director replied, 'I have a watch, and I can tell the time by it.'

Never in White.—During the recent presentation of a grand opera, an enormous white cat came on the stage, and some scene shifters and mot of the corps de ballet ineffectually endeavored to drive off the animal. At length one of them was heard to exclaim: "It must be the devil!" "No," cried a voice from the pit, "though the theatre is full of the devil, it is not in a common sized pipe organ!"

Relay Alarm.—On Thursday, July 16th, there was nearly a conflagration in Ossipee, New Hampshire, caused by the bursting of a can of camphene in one of the saloons adjoining the office of the *Bute Record*.

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RELAY.—A diabolical says the Nevada *Journal*, was caught about three o'clock, on Thursday morning in an alley leading from Commercial to Broad streets, attempting to fire a building occupied by David Ashmore. He was discovered by Pat Corbit and John O'Brien, policemen, and fired upon, without effect. The scamp was taken in custody and marched to jail.

New Hose.—The Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, have adopted a resolution authorizing Chief Engineer Howard to purchase 75,000 feet of leather hose. Rather a large order, that!

Parade.—The *Tulsa Courier* says the Fire Department of Columbia will parade on Saturday, August 1st.

The Midnight Attack. A NEW ENGLAND LEGEND.

Exhibition of the Steam Fire Engine at Cincinnati.

"Once."

"Did you ever attend the theatricals?" said a young man to a blue-eyed maiden, who hung on his arm as they promenaded the streets of New York, on a mild evening in October. The girl's cheeks flushed with pleasure, and she led him into the "Comedians" saloon.

"My mother has taught me from my childhood that it is wrong to attend such places."

"But your mother formed, perhaps, improper prejudices, from exaggerated accounts given by others; for I have often heard her say she never attended one in her life."

He spoke eloquently of the drama, comedy and tragedy, and dwelt with pathos on the importance thereof to the welfare of human nature.

"'Go with me once,'" he said "and judge for yourself."

Persuasion and curiosity triumphed over maternal precept and example, as she hesitatingly replied:

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To the Members of the San Francisco

Fire Department.

We, the undersigned, a special Monumental and Cemetery Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of this Fire Department, inform you that a book of subscription is now opened at the office of H. A. COBB, Nos. 100 and 102 Montgomery street, for the purpose of receiving donations to aid in fencing the FIREMAN'S CEMETERY and erecting a permanent MONUMENT to our deceased brothers, who perished in discharging their duties as firemen.

H. A. COBB, Chairman,
E. M. CHAPIN,
E. P. BUCKLEY.

Answers To Correspondents.

J. S., SACRAMENTO.—All right. Matters will be attended to more promptly in future. You are greatly to blame in the second matter. Why do you not write more frequently? We imbibed the "Catalpa" at your expense.

Stove Pipes vs Brick Chimneys.

From the numerous complaints daily made at the office of the Chief Engineer to the Fire Wardens relative to dangerous stove pipes in every section of the city, we think the time has arrived when it behoves our city fathers to take the matter into consideration and enact an ordinance requiring that at least within the fire limits, no building should be erected without brick chimneys. A constant run is made upon the Fire Wardens—in consequence of stove pipes—and although they are perfectly powerless so far as having any law to sustain them in the discharge of their duty, still they endeavour by pointing out the danger of these complaints, to prevent fires.

We would suggest to the Board of Supervisors that an ordinance be enacted compelling every builder of a wooden tenement to erect brick chimneys which would be a great measure to prevent the many false alarms of fire which so often occur, and also numerous other fires which are solely caused by stove pipes.

An ordinance should be enacted whereby any person erecting a wooden building without brick chimneys should be subject to a fine of at least one hundred dollars half of which should go to the informer and the other half to the Charitable fund of the Fire Department. Under such a law we opine that stove pipes would look unfashionable sticking about thirty or forty feet outside of a building, often on strong gales blowing over, which not being attended to by the owners thereof is the cause of a conflagration.

GAS.—There is no doubt that had Third street been properly lighted, the two unfortunate accidents which took place on Tuesday evening, would not have occurred. The street was almost in utter darkness, the left hand side greatly out of repair, and the companies were obliged to grope their way to the right with the engine coming upon them at a fearful rate. Almost every night alarm for months past, we have had to chronicle the injurious or maiming of members of the Department from street accidents. Nearly all of these have arisen from the inequality of the streets, and the almost total darkness which exists. We submit that the fault lies with the authorities; the Consolidation Bill gives them the power to provide for lighting the streets, and if they neglect their duty the injured firemen should sue them, or the city for good round damages.

RETURN OF ROLLS.—The Secretaries of the various Fire Companies of the Department should bear in mind that their annual or voting rolls must be returned to the Secretary of the Fire Department ninety days preceding the election of Chief and Assistant Engineers. The rolls should be made out alphabetically, and must be sworn to by the Foreman and Secretary of their respective companies. A failure on the part of any Secretary to make the return in proper time will debar the company from the privilege of voting at the Election, as the Secretary of the Department has to make duplicate rolls and certify to the same as being correct.

The election takes place on the first Monday in December consequently the returns must be made by the 5th of September.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Lewis Koch of Knickerbocker No. 5, was severely injured by being run over on Third street, by the new engine on Tuesday evening last. The horse carriage having come in collision with a dray, was overturned by the engine, and by the shock Mr. Koch was thrown to the ground, both wheels passed over his breast, he was immediately carried to Dr. Coopers Hospital where every attention was shown him. The injuries were found to be serious though they will not prove fatal. The members of No. 5, have shown him every possible attention.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.—Mr. Robert Morden a volunteer of Monumental No. 6, was quite badly jarred at the alarm on Tuesday evening last. The accident occurred in this wise. The engine being ahead was stopped at the corner of Mission street, and being backed immediately around, came into collision with the carriage with great violence. Mr. Morden being behind the engine was caught between the brakes and the wheel of the hose carriage, and was rather uncomfortably squeezed. He was immediately cared for by Mr. Bloomer and others of No. 6, and soon recovered sufficiently to walk to his residence.

ASTONISHING MISFORTUNE.—A singular discovery, was made a few days since by the City Assessor of Sacramento, which goes far to show the manner in which many people evade paying the full amount of their taxes. The Assessor says, that a number of persons who were burst out at the fire on Saturday morning of last week must have been singularly successful in business between the time their property was assessed and the time they were burst out. One man who swore, a few weeks ago, that he was only worth \$100, declared positively that his loss by fire on the occasion referred to, was between \$1000 and \$2000. It is believed he expects to be re-indebted in some way by suing that City for damages. Insurance companies should keep a sharp lookout for such customers, or they may come some double-dealing games on them.

PICKETT'S ORATION.—We have received from J. W. Sullivan, news dealer adjoining the Post Office, a pamphlet copy of the oration delivered in Sacramento, on the 4th of July, by Mr. C. E. Pickett. It is written in Pickett's usual gay style; those who admire originality of thought and vigorous expression of ideas, should purchase and read the pamphlet.

IN SERVICE.—The new Engine of Knickerbocker Engine Co. No. 5 was rolled for the first time on Tuesday evening last. We kept alongside for some distance, and thought she moved rather rapid considering she was new and stiff.

IN TOWN.—Jacob Levy Esq. Foreman of Salamander H. & L. Co. of Maryville and other members of that Fire Department.

Will our agent at San Jose please answer our letters?

Letter from Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, July 22d, 1857.

MR. EDITOR: Not seeing any communication from the Capital City for many weeks, I thought I would send you a few lines.

The greatest item of "fire talk" now, is the election for Chief and Assistants, which comes off on the first Monday in August. The candidates for Chief at present are—J. S. Friend of Engine 3, its present Foreman, and G. H. Brickman, formerly of No. 1, at present First Assistant Engineer. For Assistant Engineers—Pat Holland Foreman of Hose No. 4, and W. C. Fitch Foreman of No. 4, and George Phillips of No. 6. These are all that have come out, but there is a strong talk of a coalition of Nos. 2 and 3 upon another candidate for Chief, probably A. Aitken of No. 2; in that case, 5's will probably run either A. C. Bidwell or S. J. Tillman, for Assistants. But if matters remain as they are at present, J. Friend will get in as easy as Will will get steady. As to Assistants, it will be a tight squeeze, though I think Phifer has the best show.

Last week we had two right smart little fires. One on Thursday morning, at about 5 o'clock, in Chinatown, near the corner of 5th street. It burnt 5 or 6 little shanties occupied by a class of females with whose presence we could well dispense forever. Some \$1,000 worth of goods were stored in one of the houses, otherwise the loss was very small, and fell upon people well able to bear it. Neptune Hose had the first water, and Engine 4, the fist "tub" stream.

On Sunday morning, at about 1 o'clock, it'll be hell gave the alarm, and they had a hydrant stream and extinguished a pile of brush on the corner of 2d and O streets. It was set in close proximity to the house of Mr. Heyward, who gave the alarm. Before the engine had reached the above, a dense smoke was seen in the vicinity of 5th and J streets. They immediately retraced their steps, and found the whole S. W. corner in flames, and all the machines in service. The rest of the boys thought S.'s "fillers" had been on a spore over night, and had overslept themselves, until they learned the circumstances. No. 1 had the first water here again, (good for them) No. 1 took the hydrant corner of 5th and J street, and did good service from the top of Bailey's brick building, playing a stream down on the fire. The "Old Go" went with a will. No. 2 took suction at the corner of 5th and J streets, and had an effective stream. This is the first time they have taken suction for a long time. No. 3 took suction at the corner of 4th and J streets, and in borrowing 2's hose, had two streams on the fire. No. 5 took hydrant at the corner of 5th and J streets, and were also supplied from J street, by the Neptunes. To show their spunk, this engine was blustered whilst they were at work on the bricks. No. 6 took hydrant at the corner of 5th and J streets, and the brutes of the "sausage stuffer," as V. Marshall calls her, went down like trip-hammers. The paint store of W. C. Fitch, on 4th street, is charred, both on the inside and out, and yet a not a board has been displaced. No. 4 gets the credit of that. Several of the most efficient members of No. 4 were lost entirely destitute, and the foremen of the different companies, in connection with Mrs. Woodward and Miss Sophie Edwin, who generously volunteered their services, contemplated getting up a benefit, until they learned some \$800 had been raised by subscription, then they concluded to forego it, as benefits in this city, have been pretty well run in the ground. If anything turns up before election, I will let you know.

Yours, &c.
LEADING HOSE.

The Annual Regatta of the San Francisco

Boat Club.

We learn it is contemplated by many of the members of this Club, to get up another grand regatta, similar to the one of last year, which went off in a spirituous manner. Already several matches have been made, which it is to be hoped are only the prelude to the aquatic amusements, which are in store for our pleasure seekers who are fond of this kind of sport.

If the regatta is gotten up, boats of all classes should be allowed to enter by paying a small entrance fee, which should go into the general purse. There should be three or more prizes offered to induce all the different classes of boats to contend for them. The preliminaries so as to afford all classes a chance against the fastest boats, could easily be arranged by the Judges in fixing the time for the boats to start. The regatta of last year was witnessed and participated in by an immense concourse of people and afforded a great deal of satisfaction. It is to be hoped the same gentleman who brought about this result last year, will move in the matter this time.

THE COMING ELECTION.—All parts are making extensive preparations for the coming State and Municipal election in September next. It promises to be a very exciting time, and it is hard to tell who are to be the successful winners in the great political sweepstakes race. The Democrats and Republicans have made their State nominations.—The American party have not yet done so. The Settlers, who compose a large body of the "bone and sinew" of the State, threaten to throw overboard all parts, hold a convention at Sacramento, and nominate a ticket of their own choosing for State officers. From all appearances there promises to be the Democratic, American, Republican, Settlers, and People's Ticket, five in all, in the field for Municipal officers of this city. All appear confident of success, but as only one can win, we shall lay back, say nothing to bias the chances of either party, watch the result, and declare who wins, or comes in first best.

ASTONISHING MISFORTUNE.—A singular discovery, was made a few days since by the City Assessor of Sacramento, which goes far to show the manner in which many people evade paying the full amount of their taxes. The Assessor says, that a number of persons who were burst out at the fire on Saturday morning of last week must have been singularly successful in business between the time their property was assessed and the time they were burst out. One man who swore, a few weeks ago, that he was only worth \$100, declared positively that his loss by fire on the occasion referred to, was between \$1000 and \$2000. It is believed he expects to be re-indebted in some way by suing that City for damages. Insurance companies should keep a sharp lookout for such customers, or they may come some double-dealing games on them.

FIRE ALARM IN STOCKTON.—The people of Stockton were aroused by the cry of fire at about one o'clock on Saturday morning, July 18th, caused by the burning of a hoghead filled with combustible material, in the rear of Whitney & Co.'s lumber yard.

BACK AGAIN.—The Wizard Jacob and his assistant in the necromantic art, Sprightly, returned to this city on Tuesday after quite a successful trip through the interior. They purpose giving a few more of their "shows" in this City, before leaving the State.

STATIONERY, &c.—Messrs. Hodge & Wood, Importers of Stationery, Blank Books &c., pay particular attention to counter city orders; their store is 116 Clay street a few doors below Sansom.

THANKS.—The several Express companies, will accept our thanks for favors.

An Incident in Real Life.

SACRAMENTO, July 22d, 1857.

MR. EDITOR: Not seeing any communication from the Capital City for many weeks, I thought I would send you a few lines.

The greatest item of "fire talk" now, is the election for Chief and Assistants, which comes off on the first Monday in August. The candidates for Chief at present are—J. S. Friend of Engine 3, its present Foreman, and G. H. Brickman, formerly of No. 1, at present First Assistant Engineer. For Assistant Engineers—Pat Holland Foreman of Hose No. 4, and George Phillips of No. 6. These are all that have come out, but there is a strong talk of a coalition of Nos. 2 and 3 upon another candidate for Chief, probably A. Aitken of No. 2; in that case, 5's will probably run either A. C. Bidwell or S. J. Tillman, for Assistants.

But if matters remain as they are at present, J. Friend will get in as easy as Will will get steady.

As to Assistants, it will be a tight squeeze,

American.

This popular place of amusement, still continues in the fairest tide of success under the capable management of Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne. Since the opening night of this theatre, the house has not been crowded nightly, the average attendance has been good, and we doubt not has somewhat compensated this lady for her large outlay in properly putting upon the stage, the more legitimate style of plays than have heretofore been produced in this country. Still however the number of persons attending the theatre, has not been as great as the merits of the performances demanded. If we would sustain a good theatrical company among us comprising among its members artists of marked ability, and high standing in the profession, we must afford them liberal support and not allow them to die out, if we may use the term, become disgusted and leave the place, or else we may find it extremely difficult to procure one when we need their services hereafter. This has been the case in one or two individual instances among actors and actresses who stood pre-eminent in their respective line of characters. We allow to Whistler, Smith, Laura Keene, and others of no less reputation, who after a立足点, advanced to the stage, were compelled through sheer necessity, and a love of their profession, "to throw up the curtain" and retire again to the Atlantic States and seek employment at it there, where it is always to be had, and a good engagement awaited them whenever they chose to accept one.

All these people are now doing well. We might say the same of many of the musical lunatics who at one time on these shores, waited in vain for enough to do to pay their expenses, but the fact is so generally known, that it requires no reiteration on our part. If we would wish to be amused and have recreation for ourselves and children, we must sustain by a fair yet liberal patronage, places of public amusement in our midst.

The best amusement in the American during the week was the grand complimentary benefit tendered by many citizens to Mrs. Hayne, which came on

Wednesday evening.

It was performed by the

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This is a rare chance for a small capital—as
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The Table will be bountifully supplied with the best
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We request a share of the public patronage.
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San Jose, Feb. 27, 1857.

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ALEX BEATY would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has recently purchased the interest of A. S. BEATY in his hotel, and will endeavor to give attention to the wants of customers, to merit a continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon it. The hotel will always be honorably supplied with the best that can be procured in this market.
Stages leave this House every morning for all parts of the country.
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net's Sarsaparilla;

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THE 20th ANNUAL MEETING of this Company was held on the 13th instant when the following results of the business for the year ending the 31st December last, were submitted to the proprie-
tors and policyholders:

Fire Department.
Premiums for the year, £17,250 19 9d., which after pay-
ment of all losses and expenses, and provision for all out-
standing claims, left to the credit of profit and a net balance
of £1,250 19 9d.

Life Department.

Premiums of 567 new Policies issued during
the year, £8,686 00 9d.

Renewal Premiums and Interest..... £3,434 98 7 1/2

Total revenue for the year..... £62,144 7 1/2

Claims during the year..... £18,191 00

Number of Policies current, 3,840 for capital
sums amounting to £1,250,760

Finance.

Amount of invested funds, upward of £300,000

Amount from all sources above, £140,000

Declaration of Bonus.

The Company having this year completed the fourth quinquennial period of its existence, the Directors, after careful investigation into the condition of the Department, resolved to recommend a dividend to the shareholders, and prospective to the policy-holders of the participating class of £17,64 6d. per cent. upon sum of all premiums received up to the present time, and from the Report of the Committee of Investigation it appeared that a considerably higher bonus might have been due, but the meeting resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Directors, and to award the dividend at the declaration of the bonus of £16 6d. per cent. upon the premium paid by each for the year.

Dividend.

At the same time the Directors having recommended that the Dividend to the shareholders for the last year be increased from 6 to 7 per cent. on the paid-up capital, the same was adopted accordingly.

Progress of the Company During the Past Five Years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Revenue from May 1, 1851, £10,419 1 5 37,129 12 1

To April 1, 1852, 11,183 12 9 39,357 4 9

Revenue from May 1, 1853, 13,431 12 9 42,358 12

To April 1, 1854, 29,224 7 1/2

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Revenue from Feb. 1, 1855, 37,303 0 0 33,374 2 11

Jan. 17, 1856, 37,303 0 0 62,184 7 11

June 17, 1856.

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